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Town Officers.

Selectmen.

JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman.
CHARLES T. BRAINERD, GEORGE M. ATKINS.

Assessors.

HARRY T. BISHOP, GEORGE W. LYMAN,
ORILLUS W. STUDLEY.

Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM MERRIAM, Chairman,	Term expires 1896.
RUFUS L. BOND,	" " 1897.
HARRY T. BISHOP,	" " 1898.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

JAMES B. SHAW.

School Committee.

WILLIAM A. BRECKENRIDGE,	Term expires 1896.
CHARLES H. HOBBS,	" " 1896.
*LOUIS E. CHANDLER,	" " 1896.
FRANK A. RUGGLES,	" " 1897.
LEWIS R. HOLDEN,	" " 1897.
REV. WILLIAM H. HART, Chairman,	" " 1898.
LOUIS E. MOORE,	" " 1898.

(*Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Louis E. Moore.)

Board of Health.

DR. WILLIAM HOLBROOK, Chairman.
DR. HOMER A. SMITH, DR. WILBUR H. BLISS.

Tax Collector.

HERBERT A. NORTHROP.

Auditors.

CHARLES K. GAMWELL, SAMUEL H. HELLYAR.

Constables.

SAMUEL BROWN,	JOHN F. LUMAN,
HERBERT A. NORTHROP,	MICHAEL COLLINS,
	JOHN MURPHY.

Fence Viewers.

SAMUEL BROWN,	DENNIS MAHONEY,
	WILLIAM A. LAWSON.

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Assessors' Report.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895.

Contingencies (less the amount in treasury),	\$1,698.28
Highways,	4,500.00
Bridges,	1,000.00
Railings,	300.00
Sewers and culverts,	300.00
Support of poor,	6,000.00
Contingencies,	500.00
Repairs at town farm,	2,000.00
Land addition to town farm,	600.00
Teachers' salaries,	13,000.00
Contingencies,	1,700.00
Text books and supplies,	700.00
Fuel,	1,300.00
Repairs on school buildings,	300.00
Janitors,	1,000.00
Transportation of scholars,	1,600.00
Instruction in drawing,	400.00
Discount on taxes,	2,200.00
Interest on town debt,	800.00
Sewers in Depot Village,	400.00
Sewers in Bondsvillage,	350.00
Sewers in Three Rivers,	200.00
Board of health,	200.00
Footbridge at Bondsvillage,	150.00
Suppression illegal liquor sales,	600.00
Celebration of Memorial Day,	100.00
L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R.,	600.00
Fire alarm bell at Depot Village,	65.89
Repairs on town house,	200.00
Electric lighting,	5,000.00
Young Men's Library association,	1,000.00
	\$48,764.17

Total appropriations,	\$48,764.17
Less license money,	7,652.25
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	\$41,111.92
1895 county tax,	3,268.58
1895 state tax,	1,740.00
Abolition of grade crossing at Blanchard, Tenneyville and Breckenridge crossings, .	1,002.00
Interest on the above,	80.16
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Overlay,	\$47,202.66
	374.23
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	\$47,576.89
Non-resident bank tax on collector's book,	1,360.15
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	\$48,937.04

VALUATION FOR 1895.

Personal,	\$750,877.33
Resident bank stock,	25,520.00
Real estate, buildings,	1,468,366.00
Real estate, land,	482,745.85
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	\$2,727,509.18

Number of polls, 1895, 1832.

Tax on polls, \$2.00.

Rate per \$1,000, \$16.10.

Number of residents assessed on property,	777
Non-residents assessed on property,	. 116
Horses,	624
Cows,	605
Sheep,	101
Neat cattle,	208
Swine, .	149
Dwellings,	932
Acres of land,	16,545 ³⁴ ₁₀₀

H. T. BISHOP, } Assessors
 O. W. STUDLEY, } of
 GEO. W. LYMAN, } Palmer.

APPROPRIATIONS OF FIRE DISTRICT, 1895.

Palmer Water Co.,	\$1000.00
Salary of firemen,	400.00
Salary of janitor,	96.00
Salary of engineer,	50.00
Salary of stoker,	20.00
Contingencies,	200.00
Coal,	40.00
Salary of Chief Engineer,	150.00
Salary of 1st Assistant,	25.00
Salary of 2d Assistant,	20.00
Clerk and Treasurer,	25.00
For purchase of Hose,	150.00

	\$2,176.00
Overlay,	63.03

	\$2,239.03

VALUATION OF FIRE DISTRICT, 1895.

Personal,	\$175,342
Real Estate,	837,560

Rate for \$1,000, \$2.20.	\$1,012,902

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 O. W. STUDLEY,
 GEO. W. LYMAN, } Assessors
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 } Palmer.

Treasurer's Report.

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 7, 1896.

Balance in Treasury March 7, 1895,	\$3,431.47
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,135.99
National Bank tax,	212.19
Support of State Paupers,	460.41
Temporary support State Paupers,	86.06
Burial State Paupers,	86.00
Transportation State Paupers,	9.00
State and Military Aid,	968.00
Income Mass. School Fund,	219.20
County Treasurer, Dog fund,	458.06
Auctioneer license,	6.00
Slaughter House license,	1.00
Pool licenses,	10.00
Circus licenses,	35.00
Medicine Venders' licenses,	4.00
Merry-go-round license,	22.00
Peddlers' licenses,	30.00
Lock-up fees,	17.00
Hampden County, fine record,	5.00
Judge Robinson, fines District Court,	980.93
Judge Robinson, costs in Bethiume case,	5.14

Rent of Pest House,	\$ 8.33
Town of Monson, tuition account,	246.52
Town of Monson, Pauper account,	63.40
Town of Pelham, Pauper account,	91.60
Town of Enfield, Pauper account,	15.90
Town of Millbury, Pauper account,	32.00
Town of Ware, Pauper account.	1.21
Town of Ware, Tuition account,	29.00
Town of Barre, Pauper account,	62.50
Town of Belchertown, Bridge account,	72.66
City of Springfield, Pauper account,	19.18
Sewer licenses,	475.00
Sewer connections,	20.00
School supplies sold,	1.74
Coal sold, on school account,	37.18
A. C. Fleury, Tuition of his son,	25.00
F. A. Ruggles, Tuition of W. S. Sikes,	15.00
A. E. Fitch, Insurance rebate, school account,	7.50
Interest on Merrick fund,	34.34
F. W. Taylor, for aid rendered,	11.74
H. R. Paine, old plank,	6.60
C. T. Brainerd, old plank and railing,	8.00
Palmer Savings Bank, loan in anticipation of Taxes,	9,000.00
Palmer Savings Bank, loan for new schoolhouse at Thorndike, Walnut street sewer and new hose,	9,775.00
Liquor Licenses,	10,203.00
W. A. Weld, Taxes 1894,	830.75
H. A. Northrop, Taxes 1895,	44,500.00

	\$83,775.60

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ amount received for Liquor Licenses,	\$2,550.75
State Tax,	1,740.00
National Bank tax,	1,257.42
On account Grade Crossings,	1,002.00
Interest on account Grade Crossings,	80.16
County Treasurer, County Tax,	3,268.58
Palmer Savings Bank, loan in anticipation of taxes,	9,000.00
Palmer Savings Bank, Interest,	1,303.50
State and Military Aid,	1,263.00
Costs, order of District Court.	1,072.73
Outstanding Selectmen's orders,	39.90
Outstanding School bills,	88.65
Selectmen's orders,	27,646.28
Overseers of the Poor orders,	9,761.38
School Committee, pay roll,	21,064.04

	\$81,138.39
Total receipts,	\$83,775.60
Total expenditures,	\$81,138.39
Balance in Treasury,	2,637.21

	\$83,775.60
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Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHAW, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Selectmen.

Contrary to the usual custom, the present board have decided to present a brief history of their management of the various departments under their control, and to make certain recommendations for the consideration of the voters at the next annual meeting. It has been their aim to conduct the affairs of the town in an impartial and business-like manner, and to the satisfaction of the citizens of all sections.

TOWN OFFICERS.

As there is no fixed compensation for the officers of the town, we would recommend that a committee be appointed to report at a future meeting the salary that each town official should receive, and also that a special appropriation be made for town officers, thus separating it from contingencies.

DEPOT CEMETERY ADDITION.

The selectmen were instructed at the last annual meeting to acquire additional land for the cemetery at the Depot Village, but after two meetings with the Cemetery Association, and consulting with other citizens as to the amount of land that should be taken, we found there was such a wide difference of opinion (varying from three to forty acres) that we decided to submit the whole matter to the town without any recommendation.

CONTINGENCIES.

A. O. Allen, care of lockup, March, 1895,	\$ 8.00
Chas. B. Fiske & Co., printing town reports, ballots, etc.,	103.73
Wm. Brown, precinct officer, Nov., '94,	3.00
Fred E. Cady, " " March, '95,	3.00
Geo. S. Holden, " " " "	3.00
T. J. Moran, " " " "	3.00
E. W. Burns, " " " "	3.00
E. E. Kendall, " " " "	3.00
Henry L. Holden, " " " "	3.00
Rev. E. B. Blanchard, " " " "	3.00
John Molloy, " " " "	3.00
J. F. Crowley, " " " "	3.00
Fred Edwards, " " " "	3.00
Palmer Water Co., support of water tank,	8.00
New Eng. Tel. Co., rent of telephone for chief engineer, to April 1st,	9.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse, March, '95,	46.00
Opening 4 graves,	8.00
John F. Luman, services as police to March 18, '95,	18.87
John Murphy, " " " "	18.87
Michael Collins, " " " "	13.32
James J. Manning, " " " "	13.32
John F. Luman, " " April 11,	11.33
John F. Luman, " " " 22,	11.33
John F. Luman, police service,	10.67
Rev. Wm. H. Hart, opening 13 graves,	26.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., adv. for assessors, and en- velopes and paper,	15.63
S. H. Hellyar, services as Auditor, 1894 and 1895,	10.00
Samuel Brown, opening graves,	2.00
A. O. Allen, care of lockup,	8.00
H. T. Bishop, printing for assessors,	5.65
Jas. Richards, water rent, Four Corners' cem- etary, '93 and '94,	6.00
Chas. S. Ruggles, opening 5 graves,	10.00
Michael Manning, cleaning town house,	3.00

J. Stever Knox, services with hearse, April,	\$34.00
Opening graves,	12.00
John Murphy, police officer,	31.11
Michael Collins, police officer,	33.33
James J. Manning, police officer, July 4, '94,	3.00
Norman Chandler, services as election officer,	
March,	3.00
John F. Luman, police officer,	33.33
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing notices of meeting,	1.25
H. W. Stimson, repairs on water pipe, etc.,	8.83
A. O. Allen, care of lockup,	8.00
J. Stever Knox, 17 trips with hearse, May,	34.00
John Murphy, services as police, May,	25.56
Michael Collins, services as police, May,	33.33
Eugene Shorley, fighting forest fires,	8.00
John F. Luman, services as police officer, June,	33.33
John Murphy, services as police, June,	33.33
Michael Collins, services as police, June,	33.33
Rev. W. H. Hart, opening 9 graves,	18.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse,	24.00
Opening 2 graves,	4.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, June,	8.00
New England Telephone Co., rent of telephone at chief engineer's house to June 30,	6.00
John F. Luman, services as police, July,	33.33
John Murphy, services as police, July,	33.33
Michael Collins, services as police, July,	33.33
James J. Manning, services as police, July,	33.33
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing list of poll tax payers, and advertising,	43.69
O. W. Studley, services as assessor, 1895,	185.00
Geo. W. Lyman. services as assessor, 1895,	185.00
Edward P. Brown, ballot clerk, March, 1895,	3.00
J. Stever Knox, service with hearse, July,	30.00
Opening grave,	2.00
Chas. S. Ruggles, opening 8 graves,	16.00
J. C. Boulay, returning 45 births to July 1st,	11.25
H. T. Bishop, services as assessor in 1895,	250.00

H. T. Bishop, cash paid for collector's book and stamps,	\$ 6.00
James H. Tuthill, repairs on engine,	1.00
M. J. Dillon, repairs on engine house,	13.45
Oliver LaSalle, loam for engine house,	5.00
A. O. Allen, care of lockup and buckets,	10.00
John F. Luman, police officer,	33.33
Robt. O. Morris, copy of decision and decree, Ferrell crossing,	7.00
John Murphy, police officer,	33.33
Chas. S. Ruggles, opening 2 graves,	4.00
Horace H. Paine, expense John Cobley funeral,	24.00
Rev. W. H. Hart, opening 9 graves,	18.00
Samuel Brown, support of water tub,	5.00
J. Stever Knox, 15 trips with hearse, August,	30.00
T. W. Kenefick, expense to Boston on state road,	10.00
James J. Manning, police officer, August,	33.33
Michael Collins, police officer, August,	33.33
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up and cups, August,	8.50
John Murphy, services as police, circus day and July 4th,	4.00
John F. Luman, services as police, September,	33.33
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, September,	8.00
Chas. S. Ruggles, opening four graves,	8.00
Geo. W. Keith, damage to horse and wagon, highway,	5.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse, Septem- ber,	12.00
Robert O. Morris, copy of decree in Ferrill crossing,	1.00
Geo. A. Bills, firemen fighting fire, Cooley crossing,	28.00
Michael Collins, services as police, September,	33.33
James J. Manning, services as police, Sept.,	33.33
John P. Eastman, services as police, September,	31.11
H. T. Bishop, copying valuation book for state, stamps, etc.,	49.85
C. K. Gamwell, services as auditor, March, 1895,	10.00
John F. Luman, services as police, October,	33.33

John F. Loftus, returning 16 deaths,	\$ 4.00
Rev. Jos. Marchand, opening 39 graves,	78.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., warrants, selectmen's notices, etc.,	24.06
Joseph Belanger, returning 97 deaths,	24.25
John P. Eastman, services as police, October,	33.33
Michael Collins, police officer, October,	33.33
James J. Manning, police officer,	33.33
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., use of telephone at G. A. Bills' residence,	12.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up,	8.00
C. A. Brown & Co., repairs on engine house,	2.44
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse,	12.00
John F. Luman, police officer,	33.33
F. A. Ruggles, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
H. R. Paine, services as precinct officer, No- vember, 1895,	3.00
Irwin J. Ward, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
D. E. Tenney, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
E. P. Brown, services as precinct officer, No- vember, 1895,	3.00
M. J. O'Connor, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
R. F. Twiss, services as precinct officer, No- vember, 1895,	3.00
J. J. Manning, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
J. J. Kelly, services as precinct officer, No- vember, 1895,	3.00
D. F. Sullivan, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
T. J. Hutchinson, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
M. Keefe, services as precinct officer, Novem- ber, 1895,	3.00

C. F. Mooers, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	\$ 3.00
J. O. Hamilton, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
M. M. Thomas, services as precinct officer, November, 1895,	3.00
Horace R. Paine, putting up and returning election booths,	9.00
John P. Eastman, services as police, November,	33.33
Michael Collins, services as police, November,	33.33
James J. Manning, services as police, November,	33.33
H. A. Smith, services as precinct officer, No- vember,	3.00
H. L. Ryther, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
John F. Shea, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
P. J. Fitzgerald, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
Michael Collins, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
Lewis R. Holden, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
William Brown, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
C. E. Shumway, services as precinct officer, November,	3.00
Rev. W. H. Hart, opening 10 graves,	20.00
Michael J. Sullivan, rent of hall for voting place, November,	8.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, November,	8.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse, November,	24.00
N. W. Chandler, services as precinct officer, Nov.	3.00
A. E. Fitch, " " " "	3.00
J. A. Hawkes, " " " "	3.00
J. Stever Knox, " " " "	3.00
John Murphy, " " " "	3.00
A. Louis Warriner, " " " "	3.00

'Thos. J. Conroy, services as precinct officer, Nov.	\$ 3.00
F. E. Cady, " " " "	3.00
W. E. Stone, oil and chimneys for lockup,	2.75
Chas. S. Ruggles, opening 8 graves,	16.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing tally sheets,	2.00
John F. Luman, police officer,	33.33
John P. Eastman, police officer,	33.33
Michael Collins, police officer,	33.33
James J. Manning, police officer,	33.33
First Baptist Church, rent of vestry for Nov. election,	7.00
F. A. Upham, services as registrar to May, '95,	15.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse to Jan. '96,	16.00
J. M. Allen, team for Highway Commissioners,	3.00
Dr. J. C. Boulay, returning 45 berths to Jan. 1st, '96,	11.25
E. W. Burns, services as registrar to May, '96,	15.00
C. F. Smith, services as cattle inspector,	45.87
Geo. A. Bills, teams and men to Bondsville fire,	35.00
Alex Gordon, making tubes and repairing heater, Engine House,	10.00
John F. Loftus, rent of rooms for voting, and returning boxes to Palmer,	9.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, Dec.,	8.00
H. A. Smith, M.D., returning 21 berths to Jan. 1st, '96,	5.25
A. E. Fitch, services at town house on electric road,	3.25
John F. Twiss, cash paid for book and freight,	4.75
John F. Luman, services as police, Jan., '96,	33.33
W. H. Hitchcock, labor and material at library building,	5.05
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, etc., Jan., '96,	8.50
J. W. Brainerd, labor at engine house,	1.50
W. E. Hancock, support of water tub, 1895,	5.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse, Jan.,	22.00
John P. Eastman, services as police, Jan.,	33.33
James J. Manning, services as police, Jan.,	36.33
Michael Collins, services as police, Jan.,	36.33

Geo. A. Bills, water closet at engine house,	\$ 20.00
Palmer Savings Bank, rent of lock-up, 1 year to March 1, '96,	90.00
John F. Luman, services as police, Feb.,	33.33
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing precinct notices, advertisements, etc.,	4.44
Chas. S. Ruggles, opening 3 graves,	6.00
W. F. Fillmore, one-half cord sawed wood, Town House,	2.75
W. H. Bliss, M. D., returning 25 births, 1894 and 1895,	6.25
Wm. Holbrook, M. D., returning births, 1894 and 1895,	5.00
H. G. Loomis, returning 38 deaths to March 1st, 1896,	9.50
G. H. Wilkins, M. D., returning births,	4.75
Oliver LaSalle, returning 14 deaths,	3.50
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, February,	8.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse, February,	14.00
Rev. W. H. Hart, opening 12 graves,	24.00
James H. Tuthill, repairs on hearse,	1.50
Jas. B. Shaw, recording marriages, births and deaths,	150.95
Services as treasurer,	50.00
Services as registrar, to March,	15.00
Cash paid for record book and stamps,	6.33
M. Moriarty, returning 23 deaths,	5.75
F. O. Carter, inspecting cattle,	60.45
Honora Gerald, to water rent from Sept., 1894, to May, 1895,	3.36
M. Collins, police officer,	33.33
John P. Eastman, police officer,	33.33
James J. Manning, police officer,	33.33
John F. Twiss, services as selectman and stamps,	155.78
Chas. T. Brainerd, services as selectman, Expense to Springfield three times and Boston once,	140.00
	7.16

H. A. Northrop, serving dog warrant and posting town warrant,	\$ 30.00
Geo. M. Atkins, services as selectman,	140.00
C. L. Gardner, cash paid,	19.50
W. A. Weld, tax collector, 1894,	350.00

	\$4,804.42

HIGHWAYS.

By vote of the town we were instructed to expend two thousand dollars for permanent work on the roads. We found ourselves unable to keep the Highways in a safe and passable condition for less than about three thousand dollars, leaving a balance of about fifteen hundred dollars which still remains unexpended. The last of the year being a very busy time with the quarries, we were unable to obtain the stone for the work of permanently improving the roads, and during the early part of the year not being certain how much we could save from our appropriation, we did not deem it prudent to expend two thousand dollars for permanent improvements, and then later on have to exceed the sum left for ordinary repairs. We are of the opinion that about the same sum would be sufficient for ordinary repairs the coming year, and with the same appropriation as last year (\$4,500) would leave about three thousand dollars for permanent work. This, together with from six to twelve thousand, which the State Highway Commissioners have promised to expend for state highways in the town, would make a very creditable showing for the ensuing year.

Appropriation,		\$4,500.00
H. W. Stimson, labor and help on highways,	\$434.78	
John St. John, breaking out roads,	15.29	
John O'Neil, gravel for highways,	9.40	
John Daley, breaking out roads,	2.00	
E. A. Buck & Co., dynamite, powder and fuse,	2.30	
C. A. Brown & Co., tools, and labor at water tank,	16.84	
Solomon Hydel, gravel for highways,	3.84	
Mike Laffo, shoveling snow,	2.25	
W. S. Whiting, labor on highways,	9.45	
John Ritchie, labor,	33.00	
Chas. P. Haynes, labor,	20.00	
John Lehan, labor,	34.50	
John Lane, labor,	6.00	
John Squaires, labor,	6.00	
Chas. T. Brainerd, labor and help on highways,	318.30	
Daniel Connor, labor on highways,	39.00	
John Wright, labor,	1.00	
E. A. Buck & Co., supplies on highways,	4.02	
John Daily, cutting brush on highways,	5.00	
Patrick Kinnevan, labor on highways,	10.50	
J. R. Wellman, labor on highways,	6.00	
O. E. Butler, labor on highways,	5.77	
Edward P. Brown, labor,	26.25	
Louis Barker, labor with team,	8.00	
O. W. Studley, labor with team,	3.00	
Daniel J. Sullivan, labor with team,	2.50	
Frank Russell, labor,	1.50	
John F. Twiss, labor and help on highways,	330.62	
Chas. R. Shaw, breaking out roads,	3.25	
Joseph F. Holbrook, labor and help on highways,	175.75	
John F. Hanifin, labor and help on highways,	634.90	
Samuel Brown, " " " "	313.55	
M. A. Sherman, " " " "	75.40	
Geo. A. Smith, " " " "	71.90	
William Miller, " " " "	69.00	
Joseph Kerigan, " " " "	133.80	

Oliver LaSalle, grading Central street,	\$ 30.00
John F. Loftus, labor on highways,	3.00
W. H. Olney, labor on highways,	26.50
Chas. T. Brainerd, superintendent of roads,	125.00
	———— \$3,019.16

BRIDGES.

We found the bridges of the town in a very poor condition, and after expending substantially the full amount of the appropriation, (\$1000) we feel they are still in a very unsatisfactory state. In December the board examined all the bridges of the town, five of which were in very poor condition, namely, Burleigh's, the canal bridge and bridge to the Athol depot at Three Rivers, wooden bridge at Bondsville, and canal bridge at Thorndike. We would recommend new iron bridges at Bondsville and Thorndike, at an expenditure of thirteen hundred dollars. *— Carroll*

We found the Burleigh bridge in need of new trusses, new planking, and generally in need of very extensive repairs. It is a question for the town to consider, whether it would not be good economy to replace the old structure with a new iron bridge.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Joseph Furkey, labor, Three Rivers Iron bridge,	\$ 8.00
W. H. Brainerd, 5050 ft. plank, Three Rivers,	90.90
Horace R. Paine, labor, Three Rivers bridge,	9.00
James J. Manning, labor, Three Rivers,	7.00
W. H. Brainerd, labor and material, Cooley bridge,	134.34
W. P. Hegeman, labor, Cooley bridge,	10.00
H. Sherman, labor, Cooley bridge,	6.75
W. H. Brainerd, 153 feet chestnut plank,	2.75
E. A. Buck & Co., spikes for Cooley bridge,	4.00
J. W. Brainerd, labor on Cooley bridge,	13.75
John F. Hanifin, labor on Bondsville bridge,	18.75
N. Aiken, labor on Cooley bridge,	13.75

F. F. Marcy, labor on bridges,	\$ 28.75
T. D. Potter & Co., material Bondsville bridge,	142.32
H. W. Stimson, labor and material, Thorndike bridge,	14.50
John F. Hanifin, labor on Bondsville and Dutton bridges,	2.50
W. H. Brainerd, 2677 feet chestnut plank, Thorndike bridge,	48.19
Town of Brimfield, one-half expense on iron bridge, West Brimfield,	68.44
John W. Brainerd, labor on Burleigh bridge,	4.00
Wm. A. Thompson, labor on Burleigh and Bondsville bridges,	19.00
W. H. Brainerd, labor on bridges,	10.00
Charles Connor, labor on Three Rivers bridge,	2.25
Oliver Rivers, labor on Three Rivers bridge,	2.25
Joseph Belanger, iron truss and labor, Three Rivers bridge,	70.90
John F. Hanifin, damage to horse and wagon on bridge,	10.00
Horace R. Paine, labor on bridges,	18.74
Geo. W. Lyman, repairing bridge at Bondsville,	50.00
N. Aiken, labor on Dublin street bridge,	1.50
John F. Hanifin, lighting Bondsville bridge,	2.25
W. H. Brainerd, 2500 feet 2 inch chestnut plank, Three Rivers,	45.00
T. D. Potter & Co., material for Bondsville bridge,	1.28
W. H. Brainerd, 2400 feet chestnut plank, and labor on Cooley bridge,	46.20
Chas. T. Brainerd, labor and material on Burleigh bridge,	8.45
Chas. Coleman, labor on Cooley bridge,	2.25
J. W. Brainerd, labor on Burleigh bridge,	3.25
Jas. H. Tuthill, iron work for bridges,	1.15
C. A. Brown & Co., spikes, etc., for bridges,	3.35
F. F. Marcy, lumber for bridges,	2.19
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	\$927.18

RAILINGS.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
George Saunders, 61 rods of railing,	\$61.00
H. H. Stimson, 66 rods of railing,	66.00
56½ rods of railing,	52.83
14½ rods of railing,	14.50
Samuel Brown, 10 rods of railing, and labor,	11.00
O. W. Studley, 4 rods of railing,	4.00
Joseph Kerigan, 18 rods of railing,	18.00
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	\$227.33

SEWERS AND CULVERTS.

During the year new sewers have been constructed at Three Rivers, Bondsville, and the Depot Village. The sum of (\$495) four hundred and ninety-five dollars has been collected for entrances. We have made efforts to collect all accounts that we had any knowledge of, but we feel that there is money still due the town for entrances made in past years. In our effort to collect the fee that has been so long carried in the accounts of the town as due from H. P. Holden for sewer privilege, we were stopped by a temporary injunction issuing from the superior court. We hope for an early trial of the case against us, when the right of the town in this matter will be determined.

After the board of health has completed its work of compelling abutters to enter the sewers, it will be easy from an inspection of the record of past payments to ascertain what persons, if any, are indebted to the town for old entrances.

The town can then take such action as it deems proper to compel payment of those fees.

Appropriation,	\$300.00
S. H. Brown, labor on sewers,	\$8.00
Palmer Water Co., labor on sewers,	3.00
H. W. Stimson, labor on culverts,	6.55
Chas. T. Brainerd, labor on culverts,	24.30

Wm. A. Thompson, labor on culverts,	\$19.50
M. J. Dillon, labor on sewers,	4.90
John F. Hanifin, labor on culverts,	31.42
John F. Hanifin, labor on culverts,	14.85
Andrew Brosnahan, labor on culverts,	54.00
John O'Connor, labor on culverts,	7.50
John Lehan, labor on culverts,	7.50
John Conroy, labor on culverts,	7.50
Samuel Brown, labor on culverts,	6.00
M. J. Dillon, labor on sewers,	13.80
John F. Hanifin, labor on culverts,	23.10
Chas. T. Brainerd, labor on culverts,	6.50
John F. Hanifin, labor on culverts,	3.75
M. J. Dillon, labor on sewers,	2.55
H. W. Stimson, labor on culverts,	19.65
Edward P. Brown, labor on culverts,	3.75
John Lehan, labor on culverts,	3.75
John Ritchie, labor on culverts,	3.75
Daniel Connor, labor on culverts,	3.75
Francis Horton, 12 feet, 12-inch cast iron pipe,	11.61
H. W. Stimson, labor on sewers,	9.13
R. B. Francis, 4 grates for sewers,	19.18
John W. Brainerd, making 4 connections,	20.40
Joseph Kerigan, labor on culverts,	6.00
C. A. Brown & Co., pipe, etc., for sewers,	31.36
S. H. Brown, cleaning catch basins,	4.05

	\$381.10

NEW SEWERS.

Converse avenue appropriation,	\$400.00
John W. Brainerd, contract,	\$355.00
W. H. Brainerd, specifications and overseeing,	28.00

	\$383.00
Bondsville appropriation,	\$350.00
Jerry Shea, contract,	\$289.00
W. H. Brainerd, specifications,	11.00

	\$300.00

Three Rivers appropriation,	\$200.00
John W. Brainerd, contract,	\$275.76
W. H. Brainerd, specifications and overseeing,	18.44
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	\$294.20
Walnut street appropriation,	\$1,200.00
Bramble & King, contract,	\$1,065.09
W. H. Brainerd, specifications and overseeing.	70.00
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	\$1,135.09

SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALES.

This has been the most difficult problem with which we have had to deal, and while we have endeavored to be energetic and vigilant, we feel that we have not prevented the illegal sale of liquor in the town.

The officers have served ten search warrants in the town during the year, securing liquors in seven cases, which after the usual proceedings were declared forfeited to the Commonwealth. Nine cases have been brought against six persons for various offences against the liquor law, and in every case the offender has been convicted. The result has been the payment of fines amounting to five hundred and fifty dollars, (\$475 to the town and \$75 to the county), and the permanent removal from town of two of the worst and most persistent offenders the town has ever had to deal with.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
O. W. Studley, deputy sheriff, services and cash paid out,	\$89.42
T. W. Kenefick, on account of services,	45 00
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	\$134.42

FOOT BRIDGE, BONDSVILLE.

Appropriation,	\$150.00
Town of Belchertown,	\$150.00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$100.00
E. G. Hastings,	\$100.00

L. L. MERRICK POST, G. A. R.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
E. G. Hastings,	\$600.00

REPAIRS ON ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation,	\$65.89
W. H. Hitchcock,	\$65.89

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation,	\$1000.00
L. E. Chandler, treasurer,	\$1000.00

REPAIRS TOWN HOUSE.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
F. F. Marcy, shingling as per contract,	\$130.50
Chas. S. Ruggles, labor, glass, locks, etc,	21.30

\$151.80

FERRILL CROSSING.

Up to the present time there has been expended the sum of \$831 in the separation of grades at this point, and we are

of the opinion that it will be very unsatisfactory when completed. We have been compelled to go to the courts for a rehearing on account of an error in the plans of the commissioners, which has caused so much delay that the railroad were unable to finish the work in the fall as they had contemplated.

No appropriation.

Edwin P. Ball, survey and blue prints,	\$ 8.00
Henry K. Ferrill, land damages,	\$300.00

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

There have been two new lights located, one at Three Rivers and one at the Opera House in the Depot Village, and the service on the whole has been satisfactory. We expect that there will be more or less complaint every year. We have expended the whole amount of the appropriation to secure the service the town has had during the year.

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00
Central Mass. Electric Company, month of	
March, 1895,	\$419.76
Month of April, 1895,	420.96
Month of May, 1895,	421.79
Month of June, 1895,	415.72
Month of July, 1895,	412.11
Month of August, 1895,	415.53
Month of September, 1895,	415.52
Month of October, 1895,	416.09
Month of November, 1895,	416.66
Month of December, 1895,	416.66
Month of January, 1896,	416.66
Month of February, 1896,	412.54

	\$5,000.00

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE AT THORNDIKE.

Appropriation,	\$16,000.00
Geo. W. Lyman,	\$235.00
Geo. W. Lyman,	18.45
Springfield Union, advertising,	5.13
C. B. Fiske & Co., advertising,	1.38
Chas. S. Ruggles, labor and material,	1,846.40
Chas. S. Ruggles, labor and material,	1,648.00
Chas. S. Ruggles, labor and material,	2,064.00
Chas. S. Ruggles, labor and material,	1,320.00
Smith & Anthony, 50 per cent amount of contract, heating,	1,050.00
F. R. Richmond, specifications and details,	275.00
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	\$8,463.36

NEW HOSE.

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Eureka Fire Hose Company, 300 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose, (Red Cross)	\$180.00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Dr. W. H. Bliss, services as Board of Health to May, 1895,	\$25.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing contagious disease notices,	1.75
Advertising,	3.38
100 card signs, contagious disease,	2.75
Dr. L. H. Hendee, services in scarlet fever cases, Examination of Daniels child,	45.25
Chas. T. Brainerd, services as Board of Health.	20.00
Cash paid out,	10.00
Dr. J. C. Boulay, services in scarlet fever cases,	2.00
R. W. Murch, services in scarlet fever cases,	4.00

John F. Twiss, services as Board of Health,	10.00
Andrew Brosnahan, cleaning around Hitchcock place,	10.50
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, services as Board of Health,	35.00

	\$171.13
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RECAPITULATION.

CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00
Expenditures,	\$4,804.42
Unexpended balance,	195.58

	\$5,000.00 \$5,000.00

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$4,500.00
Expenditures,	\$3,019.16
Unexpended balance,	1,480.84

	\$4,500.00 \$4,500.00

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Expenditures,	\$927.00
Unexpended balance,	73.00

	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00

SEWERS AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Expenditures,	\$381.10
Overdraft,	81.10

	\$381.10 \$381.10

RAILINGS.

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Expenditures,	\$227.33
Unexpended balance,	72.67

	\$300.00 \$300.00

NEW SEWERS.

Appropriation,	\$2,150.00
Expenditures,	\$2,112.29
Unexpended balance,	37.71

	\$2,150.00
	\$2,150.00

FOOT BRIDGE, BONDSVILLE.

Appropriation,	\$150.00
Expenditures,	\$150.00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$100.00
Expenditures,	\$100.00

L. L. MERRICK POST, G. A. R.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
Expenditures,	\$600.00

REPAIRS ON ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation,	\$65.89
Expenditures,	\$65.89

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Expenditures,	\$1,000.00

REPAIRS TOWN HOUSE.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Expenditures,	\$151.80
Unexpended balance,	48.20

	\$200.00
	\$200.00

SUPPRESSION OF THE ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
Expenditures,	\$134.42
Unexpended balance,	465.58

	\$600.00
	\$600.00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00
Expenditures,	\$5,000.00

NEW HOSE.

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Expenditures,	\$180.00
Unexpended balance,	120.00

	\$300.00
	\$300.00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Expenditures,	\$171.13
Unexpended balance,	28.87

	\$200.00
	\$200.00

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Palmer Savings Bank,	\$37,775.00

DUE THE TOWN.

From the State for Military and State Aid,	\$ 955.00
“ H. P. Holden, sewer entrance,	100.00
“ C. W. Johnson, “ “	30.00
“ Town of Monson, bridge account,	91.30
Balance in treasury,	2,137.21

	\$3,313.51

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Contingencies,	\$3,500.00
Railings,	200.00
Highways,	6,000.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Sewers and culverts,	400.00

JOHN F. TWISS.
CHAS. T. BRAINERD,
GEO. M. ATKINS, } Selectmen
 } of
 } Palmer.

List of Jurors.

House

- ✓ Chas. D. Holbrook. James Barber.
- Enos Calkins. C. K. Gamwell.
- ✓ J. B. Shaw. ✓ Samuel Brown.
- ✓ J. A. Breckenridge. ✓ Chas. H. Keith.
- ✓ W. H. Higgins, Jr. Michael Holden.
- ✓ H. M. Kendall. Daniel Graves.
- ✓ G. S. Holden. E. S. Brooks.
- James Creehan. ✓ Wm. Prarie.
- ✓ Wm. J. McCormick. ✓ H. H. Paine.
- Daniel J. Sullivan. ✓ Chas. W. Robinson.
- Michael Keefe. Chas. McManamy.
- ✓ D. E. Tenney. Patrick Crowley.
- ✓ M. A. Sherman. ✓ John Daley.
- ✓ Geo. Saunders. ✓ Joseph Stimson.
- ✓ Butler Sedgwick. ✓ Chas. H. Collis.
- Frank A. Barker. James Sullivan.
- Geo. F. Orcutt. Frank Carpenter.
- Michael J. O'Connor. T. J. Donahue.
- John P. Eastman. ✓ H. D. Converse.
- ✓ Chas. E. Dewey. ~~Wm. Brown.~~
- Nelson Whiton. ✓ B. D. Parsons.
- J. A. Hawkes. Peter J. Cahill.
- ✓ Jos. Kerrigan. ✓ Matthew Coffee.
- Geo. N. Stone. ✓ John Manning.
- Matthew Gloster. Arthur Grise.
- Geo. Fisherwick. James Sharp.
- Timothy Lines. ✓ Timoth O'Connor.
- Fred Harrison. John K. Knox.
- ✓ Louis A. Conant. Ed. F. Shaw.
- F. D. Barton. ✓ John Keefe.
- ✓ James Henighan. E. J. Kelley.
- ✓ A. Louis Warriner. Michael Collins.
- ✓ Michael Riley. J. W. Loftus.
- ✓ Thomas Longtine. ✓ W. R. Milligan.
- ✓ H. T. Bishop. C. L. Holden.
- ✓ John L. Wilder. ✓ H. G. Loomis.
- ✓ Truman Griswold. ✓ E. P. Ball.
- Wm. Talmadge.

Palmer, March 3d, 1896.

JOHN F. TWISS,
CHAS T. BRAINERD,
GEO. M. ATKINS, } *Selectmen
of
Palmer.*

Tax Collector's Report.

H. A. NORTHROP, in account with the town of Palmer.

Amount committed to collector's tax book, 1895,	\$48,937.04
Amount added to book,	8.48
Interest collected,	51.88
Amount paid treasurer,	\$44,500.00
Discount allowed Sept. 1, 1895,	2,563.08
Amount to be abated,	358.07
Amount to be collected,	1,576.25
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	\$48,997.40
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	\$48,997.40

H. A. NORTHROP, Collector, 1895.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON TOWN FARM.

Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Harriet Gerald,	\$169.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to James Sullivan,	169.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Abbie A. Lynes,	169.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John D. Sullivan,	169.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mary A. Learned,	13.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Michael J. Sullivan,	19.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John Clifford,	13.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mary A. Fuller,	169.46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mrs. Mary Callihan,	140.21
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, aid to George Gerald,	169.46
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, aid to Timothy Keefe,	169.43
Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, aid to John H. Waite,	166.20
J. F. Holbrook, aid to Mrs. William Brown,	3.30
B. and A. R. R. Co., aid to Charles Wilson, wife and child,	1.80

O. W. Studley, aid to Charles D. Colgrove,	\$ 7.13
Commonwealth of Mass., aid to Charles D. Colgrove,	10.00 17.13
Joseph Belanger, aid to Mrs. Delia Farlado,	3.75
Arthur Grise, aid to Mrs. Delia Farlado,	2.23
W. F. Filmore, aid to Mrs. Delia Farlado,	2.25
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. Delia Farlado,	10.00 18.23
C. P. Haynes, aid to Mrs. Henry Hurbert,	5.75
H. T. Bishop, aid to Alfred Goodreau,	24.33
J. F. Loftus, aid to Porter Gerald,	3.50
A. J. Northrop, aid to James Cunniff,	1.75
E. Goodes, aid to James Cunniff,	15.15
J. F. Foley, aid to James Cunniff,	16.00
Truesdell & Brown, aid to James Cunniff,	10.00
Robinson & Taylor, aid to James Cunniff,	6.00
J. B. Shaw, aid to James Cunniff,	12.00 60.90
H. T. Bishop, aid to Alfred Bondville,	88.98
Walker & Kelley, aid to Alfred Bondville,	16.00
Joseph Belanger, aid to Alfred Bondville,	25.00 129.98
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. James Dailey,	120.00
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. James Dailey,	39.00
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. James Dailey,	7.62 166.62
H. G. Loomis, aid to Sarah Orcutt,	15.00
J. F. Holbrook, aid to Ellen Watts,	6.00
C. P. Haynes, aid to Mrs. George Pratt,	5.25
O. A. LaRiviere, aid to Mrs. George Pratt,	3.00 8.25
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. David Fleming,	75.82
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. David Fleming,	22.25
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. David Fleming,	11.00
G. W. Lent, aid to Mrs. David Fleming,	8.50 117.57
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vashe,	96.48
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vashe,	20.00
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vashe,	7.24 123.72
W. E. Stone, aid to Mrs. Sarah Cobley,	5.00
Mrs. John Miller, aid to Miller children,	13.50
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing,	9.75
Shaw Brothers, aid to Margaret Ryan,	36.00
Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. E. Sirois,	5.00
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. E. Sirois,	10.00 15.00

Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. Peter Mayott,	\$ 5.00
Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. Edward Freak,	15.00
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. Edward Freak,	2.38
Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. Frank Rivers,	72.00
Town of Spencer, aid to Louis Gokey,	12.00
T. D. Potter & Co., aid to Mrs. Michael Shea,	30.16
Morris Moriarty, aid to Mrs. Michael Shea,	60.00
City of Chicopee, aid to Mrs. Margaret McCarty,	15.75
Frederick Thompson, aid to Joseph Fortune,	6.00
W. E. Stone, aid to Joseph Fortune,	2.00
G. W. Lent, aid to Joseph Fortune,	6.00
Smith Grocery Co., aid to Joseph Fortune,	9.00
E. Goodes, aid to Joseph Fortune,	1.25
G. W. Lent, aid to Roswell Craw,	8.25
J. F. Holbrook, aid to Roswell Craw,	18.75
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing,	.95
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Polander,	3.75
Cash, car fare, paid out looking up paupers,	39.10
Cash aid paid out,	35.04
Cash paid for paper and postage,	12.60
Shaw Brothers, aid to Philip Dudley,	8.00
W. F. Filmore, aid to Philip Dudley,	1.80
Shaw Brothers, aid to Charles Wood,	8.00
Shaw Brothers, aid to Hattie Young,	55.00
Joseph Belanger, aid to Louis Bolduc,	10.00
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Rivers girl,	10.00
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Dudley child,	5.00
H. T. Bishop, cash paid telegraph,	2.85
City of Chicopee, aid to Mrs. Peter Shortsleeve,	79.90
Dr. John Morgan, medical attendance to Mrs. Hurley in 1894,	25.00
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical services,	100.00
R. L. Bond, aid to Bridget A. McCarty,	35.00
Morris Moriarty, aid to Mary O'Brien,	28.00
Morris Moriarty, aid to Kate Fenton,	36.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aid to Bridget Flynn,	62.21

J. F. Merriam, aid to Frank Hines,	\$ 2.00	
W. F. Filmore, aid to Fred Freak,	3.00	
City of Springfield, aid to Fred Freak,	5.75	8.75
C. K. Gamwell, aid to John Stone,	19.25	
City of Worcester, aid Mrs. Abbie McCormick,	16.00	
G. W. Flavel & Brother, aid to Mrs. Abbie McCormick,	3.50	19.50
O. W. Studley, aid to Marshall L. Hitchcock,	12.75	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aid to James Mannix,	6.99	
City of Worcester, aid to James C. and Margaret Hurley,	2.00	
Morris Moriarty, aid to Mary Sheehan,	36.00	
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing,	3.25	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to William Franklin,	12.00	
City of Holyoke, aid to Edward Roberts,	7.25	
H. T. Bishop, cash paid out,	2.15	
W. E. Stone, aid to L. W. Tanner,	60.00	
City of Springfield, aid to Mary and Kate Cahill.	6.27	
A. P. Trudeau, aid to Mrs. Hillard Dufour,	9.00	
H. T. Bishop, bringing paupers from Northampton,	4.41	
LeGro & Lynde, medicine,	1.25	
C. L. Holden, aid to Nellie Rose,	18.00	
Town of Monson, aid to David Darling and wife,	21.13	
O. P. Allen, medicine,	1.50	
City of Chicopee, aid to Michael Lyons,	19.00	
Town of Warren, aid to Mrs. Fred Brown,	3.00	
P. S. Trumble, aid to James Sheehan,	10.04	
J. B. Shaw, aid to James Sheehan,	47.87	57.91
City of New Bedford, aid to Ellen Moriarty,	15.00	
New England Telephone Company, telephone,	28.22	
R. L. Bond, services as overseer,	150.00	
H. T. Bishop, services as overseer,	175.00	
William Merriam, services as overseer,	200.00	
Town of Ware, aid to Tuffield Gokey.	73.05	
W. F. Filmore, aid to Mrs. Fred Brown,	3.25	
C. L. Gardner, legal services,	9.25	\$4,133.18

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

H. G. Loomis, mattress,	\$ 3.75
E. Goodes, boots and shoes,	19.45
C. D. Holbrook, hay and grain, in 1894,	148.18
H. G. Loomis, coffin for Porter Gerald,	18.00
S. C. Kenyon, fertilizer,	36.00
Robinson & Taylor, flour,	31.00
E. A. Buck & Co., goods,	24.11
C. D. Holbrook, fertilizer and feed,	86.84
W. E. Stone, groceries and dry goods,	90.87
E. L. Lent, labor,	50.00
C. D. Holbrook, lime and cement,	70.19
LeGro & Lynde, paper hangings,	6.79
C. A. Brown & Co., goods,	48.31
C. D. Holbrook, hay and grain,	150.00
C. D. Holbrook, flour and feed,	254.56
G. W. Lent, services as warden,	500.00
	\$1,538.05

Whole number at the farm during the year, 41.

Largest number at any one time, 29.

Average at the farm during the year, 21½.

Average cost per week, \$1.37 6-10.

Cash receipts on the farm during the year,	\$1,812.41
Cash paid out on the farm during the year,	\$1,812.41

Deaths at the farm during the year, 3.

Births at the farm during the year, 1.

INVENTORY AT TOWN FARM, MARCH 1ST, 1896.

Live stock,	\$820.00
Farming tools,	390.75
Hay and grain,	198.00
Wood and lumber,	280.00
Provisions and supplies,	176.75
Beds and bedding,	270.25
Tin, crockery, glass and wooden ware,	128.50
Furniture and fixtures,	371.25
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Inventory March 1st, 1895,	\$2,635.50
	2,300.70
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Increase,	\$334.80

POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

J. W. Loftus, coffin for Flora Richmond,	\$10.00
C. L. Holden, groceries for Thomas Richmond,	9.18
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Thomas Richmond,	5.00
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	\$24.18

TOWN OF BARRE.

L. B. Kendrick, aid to Ellen Phelps and child,	\$10.00
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TOWN OF WARE.

H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Joseph Miller,	\$ 1.21
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TOWN OF ENFIELD.

Dr. William Holbrook, medical attendance to S. W. Crockett,	\$ 4.00
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to S. W. Crockett,	11.90
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	\$15.90

TOWN OF MILLBURY.

H. T. Bishop, aid to Ada F. Stockwell,	\$ 6.00
J. W. Loftus, aid to Ada F. Stockwell,	8.00
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	\$14.00

TOWN OF PELHAM.

Mrs. L. A. Reed, aid to B. L. Dunton,	\$27.50
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to G. B. Abercrombie,	28.00
Truesdell & Brown, aid to G. B. Abercrombie,	9.10
W. E. Stone, aid to G. B. Abercrombie,	9.00
G. A. Bills, aid to G. B. Abercrombie,	4.00
J. B. Shaw, aid to G. B. Abercrombie,	14.00
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	\$91.60

CITY OF HOLYOKE.

J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Fred Medar,	\$ 1.75
E. J. Kelley, aid to Mrs. Fred Medar,	24.92
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	\$26.67

TOWN OF GARDNER.

J. F. Merriam, aid to Mrs. F. W. Whitcomb,	\$ 6.00
J. F. Foley, aid to Mrs. F. W. Whitcomb,	7.00
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	\$13.00

CITY OF CHICOOPEE.

J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Edward Carroll,	\$30.00
F. A. Upham, aid to Edward Carroll,	60.00
W. F. Filmore, aid to Edward Carroll,	25.40
Dr. L. H. Hendee, med. at. Edward Carroll,	84.00
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	\$199 90

TOWN OF MONSON.

J. A. Palmer, aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	\$ 3.25
A. J. Northrop, aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	2 75
J. F. Holbrook. aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	3.00
J. B. Shaw, aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	7.00

E. Goodes, aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	\$ 4.00
Dr. William Holbrook, medical attendance,	
Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	6.00
J. F. Foley, aid to Ann Poro,	8.00
Fred Thompson, aid to Ann Poro,	5.00
H. N. Sager, aid to Ann Poro,	5.00
G. W. Lent, aid to the Moriarty boys,	13.65
J. F. Holbrook, aid to Albert E. Lemon,	1.50
Robinson & Taylor, aid to Albert E. Lemon,	2.00
Smith Grocery Co., aid to George W. Wright,	2.25

	\$63.40
	\$459.86

POOR BELONGING TO THE STATE.

Timothy Lane, aid to Mrs. Kate Kelliher,	\$15.00
H. T. Bishop, aid to Arthur Lord,	12.79
Walker & Kelley, aid to Arthur Lord,	4.00
H. T. Bishop, aid to Maria Gingras,	10.00
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Balduc child,	5.00
E. J. Kelley, aid to Arthur Balduc,	5.00
H. G. Loomis, coffin for N. L. Cleveland,	15.00
A. J. Northrop, aid to N. L. Cleveland,	2.25
J. F. Holbrook, aid to N. L. Cleveland,	6.00
G. A. Bills, aid to N. L. Cleveland,	16.00
D. F. Holden, aid to N. L. Cleveland,	32.00
J. B. Shaw, aid to N. L. Cleveland,	54.00
Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. Edward Cardinal,	3.00
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Mrs.	
Edward Cardinal,	12.00
O. W. Studley, aid to Mrs. Edward Cardinal,	13.03
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance to	
Arthur Lord,	6.00
Joseph Belanger, coffins for two Daniels children,	10.00
Shaw Brothers, aid to Jerrie Barbaric,	5.00
Joseph Belanger, coffin to Jerrie Barl aric,	5.50
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to	
Joseph Dion,	30.00

H. T. Bishop, aid to Joseph Dion,	\$ 48.04
Bedric Bouthillier, aid to Joseph Dion,	13.60
Walker & Kelley, aid to Joseph Dion,	14.85
G. W. Lent, aid to Joseph Dion,	4.25
Wm. Merriam, ticket for Mrs. Riddle to Tewksbury,	2.23
Wm. Merriam, ticket for Martin Chuban to hospital,	2.00
T. D. Potter & Co., ticket for Piteo Galezoski to Tewksbury,	2.43
Dr. J. C. Boulay, medical attendance to Frank Barre,	2.50
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Peter Langevin,	4.00
Truesdell & Brown, aid to Peter Langevin,	6.00
J. B. Shaw, aid to Peter Langevin,	6.00
Robinson & Taylor, aid to Peter Langevin,	4.00
J. W. Miller, aid to Joseph Dion,	6.36
J. F. Twiss, aid to Frank Barre,	4.00
Morris Moriarty, coffins for the two Plepin children,	10.00
H. T. Bishop, aid to Alphonse Julian,	4.00
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Peter Doyle,	4.75
Mrs. Ann Conroy, aid to Peter Doyle,	5.00
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	\$405.58

TRAMP ROOM.

Palmer Savings Bank, use of tramp room,	\$90.00
A. O. Allen, care of tramp room,	60.00
A. O. Allen, working tramps,	44.45
A. O. Allen, crackers,	18.50
A. O. Allen, record book,	.50
A. O. Allen, slop pail,	.50
A. O. Allen, brooms,	.50
A. O. Allen, medicine,	.50
A. O. Allen, sledge handles,	1.00
	—
	\$215.95

Number of tramps lodged during the year, 366.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITION AT TOWN FARM.

For building,	\$2,000.00
For land,	600.00
Contingent fund,	500.00
	—————
	\$3,100.00
Cash paid out of special appropriation :	
Mrs. Charlotte Naylor, for land,	\$600.00
G. W. Lent, stone work and filling,	161.75
S. W. Stanchfield, brick work,	137.25
C. S. Ruggles, building,	1,111.00
O. E. Butler, labor,	7.50
C. D. Holbrook, cement,	24.60
A. E. Fitch, insurance on farm property,	112.50
Worcester Steam Heating Company, boiler and fixtures,	438.00
Leary Brothers, labor,	5.25
Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics, tables and pillows,	6.25
A. A. Houghton, papering and painting,	8.72
T. D. Potter & Co., labor and lumber for silo,	317.42
J. H. Haynes, labor and material,	27.12
A. M. Bond, labor and material,	18 30
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber and cement,	36.95
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	\$3,012.61
Amount unexpended,	\$87.39

RECAPITULATION.

CASH RECEIVED.

Appropriation for support of poor,	\$6,000.00
Received from Town of Monson,	63.40
Pelham,	91.60
Enfield,	15.90
Millbury,	32.00
Ware,	1.21
Barre,	62.50

Received from City of Springfield,	\$ 19.18
F. W. Taylor, (refunded)	11.74
State,	641.47
	—————
	\$6,939.00

CASH PAID OUT.

Poor not on town farm,	\$4,133.18
Poor on town farm,	1,538.05
Poor of other towns,	459.86
Poor of state,	405.58
Tramp room,	215.95
	—————
	\$6,752.62
Balance on hand,	—————
	\$186.88

CASH DUE THE TOWN.

From City of Chicopee,	\$199.90
Holyoke,	26.67
Springfield,	5.00
Town of Gardner,	13.00
State,	90.20
	—————
	\$334.77
Outstanding bills, (estimated)	—————
	\$521.15
Net balance,	—————
	\$196.15

The overseers would recommend \$6,000 as the amount to be appropriated for the coming year, with \$500 for the Contingent fund.

WILLIAM MERRIAM, } Overseers
H. T. BISHOP, } of the Poor
R. L. BOND, } of Palmer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the various town officers, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. H. HELLYAR, } Auditors.
CHAS. K. GAMWELL, }

Young Men's Library Association.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

The library has received a much larger accession of new books the past year than ever before in its history, as a result of the increase in the appropriation by the town. The figures are as follows:—

Number of volumes March 1, 1895,	3,910
Volumes purchased during the year,	307
Volumes donated during the year,	54
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Present number of volumes,	4,271

There have been 12,273 volumes drawn during the year, of which 9385 were fiction and 2888 other classes. The call for books was somewhat sluggish in the early part of the library year, but the acquisition of the new volumes gave a decided impetus to the circulation. This will be seen from a comparison of the figures for the past four months with the corresponding months of the preceding year:

	1894-95.	1895-6.
Volumes loaned in November,	935	1082
“ “ “ December,	902	1006
“ “ “ January,	1025	1427
“ “ “ February,	1017	1540

On the 29th of last month there were 111 books drawn, this being the largest number ever taken in one day. These figures demonstrate in a very pleasant way the reading public's appreciation of

the new material now available for their use. In the selection of new works many have been chosen with special reference to the needs of the pupils in the public schools.

The record of the year is submitted to the voters with the hope that it will be so satisfactory that they will gladly appropriate for the use of the library the same amount as last year.

CHAS. B. FISKE, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1st, 1895,	\$ 14.61
Received from Town Treasurer,	1,000.00
Contributors,	15.00
Sales of cards, catalogues and fines,	32.00
Board of trade funds,	71.90

EXPENDITURES.

New books,	\$306.53
Papers and Magazines,	83.58
Janitor,	99.90
Miscellaneous supplies, printing, express, cartage, etc.,	64.83
Lights,	57.46
Coal,	168.48
Miss M. E. Robinson, attendant at Library,	200.00
Balance in treasury,	152.73

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LOUIS E. CHANDLER, *Treasurer.* 40

Report of the Board of Health,

FROM MARCH 1st, 1895, TO FEBRUARY 29, 1896.

The whole number of cases reported, of contagious diseases, was 92; some cases were not reported that should have been, which would have increased the number to over 100. The year previous, 41 was the number reported.

Of the cases reported 79 were of scarlet fever, 8 of diphtheria, 3 of typhoid fever, 1 of measles, 1 of croup; (9 cases of croup not reported.)

The locations of the contagious diseases were as follows: 3 in Palmer, 4 at Carpet Mill, 10 at Bondsville, 31 at Three Rivers and 44 at Thorndike.

Deaths reported, 158. March, 23; April, 16; May, 16; June, 12; July, 13; Aug., 22; Sept., 5; Oct., 8; Nov., 13; Dec., 9; Jan., 16; Feb., 5.

CAUSES OF DEATH REPORTED.

Scarlet fever, 24; pneumonia, 17; cholera infantum, 14; croup, 10; heart disease, 8; consumption or tuberculosis, 7; convulsions, 5; meningitis, old age, premature birth, apoplexy, 4 each; Brights disease, still born, acute saryngitis, 3 each; typhoid fever, suicide, hemorrhage, nephritis, bronchitis, peritonitis and aneurism, 2 each; and quite a number of other diseases of one each, diseases not enumerated.

The mortality is large in this town, especially among children, 57 were under 5 years of age; 13 reported over 70, 5 of these between 80 and 90 years old.

It is to be regretted that so many tenement houses are so crowded; and if continued we must look for a larger death rate; public sewers

by everyone's door will not give proper ventilation or cleanliness inside these houses, nor put shoes and stockings on the children's feet in mid-winter. The state compels towns to ventilate their school-houses under a penalty. The children above 5 years old are supposed to be in school about six hours a day, five days in a week. How is it with those under 5 years old, spending 24 hours a day, seven days in a week, in a badly ventilated house? Another cause, giving contagion a good opportunity to spread: Children are obliged to use school books indiscriminately, and slates also. The state by law obliges the towns to furnish books for the school children. A child may have a book to-day while just "coming down" with one of the worst of contagious diseases; tomorrow another child may use the same book, the germs are fresh, the latter child takes on the disease and the wonder is where the child caught it. The state has the authority to make the towns do in this way, but who would not prefer to buy the books for their own children than take these risks?

The sewers ordered at the last annual meeting of the town have been built; many have entered and paid for so doing. All others who have not entered will receive legal notice in the early spring to do so.

The board has attended to all legal notices received by them of nuisances, and they have been abated; we have also been called to see a number of tuberculous cattle, and examined diseased meat, when notified by the Inspector.

We would recommend that \$200 be raised for use of Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HOLBROOK, *Chairman.*

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
HAMPDEN, } SS.

To H. A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A at the Engine House, on Park street, in the Depot Village; in Precinct B at the store formerly occupied by E. G. Murdock, on Commercial street, in Thorndike; in Precinct C at the room occupied by the Athletic Club, near the dwelling house of Charles S. Ruggles, on East Main street, in Three Rivers; and in Precinct D at Liberty Hall on Main street, in Bondsvillage, on Monday, the 16th day of March, A. D., 1896, at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town for the following town officers, to wit: Three selectmen, three assessors, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, two auditors, five constables, three fence viewers, all for the term of one year; one overseer of the poor for the term of three years; two member of the school committee for the term of three years; one member of the school committee for the term of two years; also a board of health to consist of three members, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year; also to vote by ballot, which shall be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 30th day of March, A. D., 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose two or more field drivers, measurers of wood and bark, and all other usual town officers.
- ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to establish a town library, raise and appropriate money therefor, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. *Committee of 5.*
- ART. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers. *Accepted*
- ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.
- ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.
- ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.
- ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year. *Same as last year.*
- ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes. *Same as last year.*
- ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year. *Lift and sediment.*
- ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. *Hops*
- ART. 14. To act on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will raise money for the Young Men's Library Association.
- ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the school committee as to the matter of letting the contract for such conveyance.

2000.00 left school

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day. *100*

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting its streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor. *45000 + less will be done*

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and entrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1885.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize its clerk to publish annually hereafter in the town report a full list of the marriages, births and deaths in the town during the current year.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take with regard to licensing non-resident peddlers.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate six hundred dollars to build a sewer on High street in Thorndike, commencing at the house of Daniel Leary, and thence to Daniel J. Sullivan's, and then across the road to School street, and connect with the main sewer on School street. *1600 feet in the town of Thorndike*

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to grade, fence and repair Bourne street in Three Rivers near the residence of one Fortune, raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any action relative thereto. *300*

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to abandoned schoolhouses. *Thorndike to be solved*

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer on Thorndike street in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *Passed over 1600 recent day*

ART. 28. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen as to how much land they shall purchase or take under the vote passed at the last annual town meeting to enlarge the cemetery at the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 29. To see what action the town will take, if any, in relation to cemeteries or the securing of additional burial grounds.

ART. 30. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and authorize its treasurer to borrow money, to construct such section of state highway as said Highway Commission may lay out within the town. *12000*

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks. *\$500 Ateller to pay 1/2*

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to put in an electric light opposite the post office in the village of Thorndike. *put in light*

ART. 33. To see if the town will have the school buildings insured by the same officials as are other town buildings.

ART. 34. To see if the town will re-imburse members of the school committee for actual traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duty.

ART. 35. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars for repairs on the Three Rivers schoolhouse, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to extend the Central street sewer to the end of the street. *1000*

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto. *1000*

ART. 38. To see what action the town will take in regard to claims of Daniel J. Sullivan and Dennis Leary for damage by water to their premises on High street in Thorndike.

ART. 39. To see if the town will take any action in regard to funding its debt.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to make repairs on the grammar school building at the Depot Village, in accordance with the order of the State Inspector, or pass any vote, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk from the iron bridge to the French Catholic church, on the northerly side of Main street, in Three Rivers, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to hire the present tramp room and lock-up. *Same as last year*

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least, before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March, A. D., 1896.

JOHN F. TWISS,
CHAS. T. BRAINERD,
GEO. M. ATKINS, } Selectmen
of
Palmer.

A true copy—Attest:

H. A. NORTHROP, Constable of Palmer.

Committee for authorizing
Sale of Town
J. E. Jenkins
Butler
Gagnon

